

July 20, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 28, 1999

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

Please park in the garage under the Arizona Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
July 28, 1999**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of May 26, 1999, June 9, 1999 and June 23, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve May 26, 1999, June 9, 1999 and June 23, 1999 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.

***ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

*7. <u>Red Letter Notifications</u> The Regional Council approved the Red Letter Process in 1996 to provide early notification of potential development in planned freeway alignments. The process calls for Red Letter	7. For information and discussion.
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notifications (received by MAG from ADOT) to be placed on the consent agendas of the Transportation Review Committee, the Management Committee and the Regional Council for information and discussion. ADOT has forwarded two notifications which impact the Regional Freeway System. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2000 Update

Federal regulations require considering results of six management systems and Title VI in programming projects for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Maricopa Association of Governments annually updates its TIP by adding a new fifth year to the program. The MAG Transportation Management System Report: FY 2000 Update has been prepared as a guide for jurisdictions to use during selection of projects to be included in the FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP. It includes results of six management systems as well as socioeconomic factors. A copy of the Executive Summary, plus the Section dealing with Title VI issues, is attached and a full copy of the report is available and will be distributed to Technical Advisory Committees. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the Report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Consultant Selection for MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems Strategic Plan Update

The FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes a \$250,000 project to update the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan for the MAG region. A number of key ITS developments at the national and local levels have made this update a high priority need for the region. At the national level, the National ITS Architecture has been defined and all future federally funded ITS projects must meet architectural consistency requirements. In 1996, Phoenix was chosen by USDOT as one of four ITS Model Deployment Initiative (MDI) sites in the nation. This has resulted in an acceleration of ITS technology implementation in the region. The execution of this project will result in a road map for ITS implementation in the MAG region

8. For information, discussion and acceptance of the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 2000 Update.

9. For information, discussion and approval to select the consultant firm Kimley-Horn & Associates to develop the MAG ITS Strategic Plan Update for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

over the next 20 years. Recommendations in the Strategic Plan will be compatible with established regional transportation goals, objectives and policies. On May 9, 1999, a Request for Proposals was advertised. Two proposals were received. These proposals were from Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. and Post, Buckley, Shuh & Jernigan Inc. On June 30, 1999, a consultant evaluation panel interviewed both firms. Their recommendation to MAG was to select Kimley-Horn & Associates to conduct the study. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10. Transportation Stakeholder Early Input Summary

As a component of the FY 2000 transportation public involvement program, MAG sponsored a Regional Transportation Stakeholders meeting on June 8, 1999. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain initial input on updating the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Representatives from MAG, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Regional Public Transportation Authority and several community groups attended and provided input on important needs and issues to consider in updating the Policy Guidelines for Programming Regional Transportation Funds adopted by the MAG Regional Council on December 9, 1998. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*11. Transportation Funding Guidelines

In December 1998, the Regional Council approved guidelines for the programming of regional transportation projects. The development of the FY 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program is now underway. On June 22, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) reviewed the guidelines. The TRC did not take action to update the guidelines, due to the guidelines being approved within the last six months. The consensus of the TRC was that the existing guidelines should be reviewed in a comprehensive perspective to better focus the application of MAG federal funds and that this comprehensive review and update could not be completed by the end of July for use in the upcoming program cycle. The Management Committee recommended using the existing

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information, discussion and approval to use the existing Transportation Funding Guidelines for the development of the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

guidelines for the development of the FY 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

- *12. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On June 22, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the closeout of the MAG FY 1999 federally funded program. On July 12, 1999, two federal discretionary projects were added to the TRC recommendation. A TIP amendment is required for the projects involved. Three new projects were specifically recommended for addition to FY 1999 of the MAG 1999-2003 TIP. A fourth project to advance the purchase of buses was also approved, conditional on funding availability. MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93), and has found the projects to be exempt under that rule. This finding is being transmitted for consultation purposes to the agencies and other interested parties. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by July 28, 1999. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. For information, discussion and consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

VALLEY VISION 2025 UPDATE

13. Valley Vision 2025 Update

An update on the activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will be provided to the members of the Regional Council.

13. For information and discussion.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

14. CANAMEX Corridor Update

The CANAMEX Corridor is designated by federal law to run from Nogales, Arizona, to the Canadian Border. In the State of Arizona, the CANAMEX Corridor generally follows "(i) I-19 from Nogales to Tucson; (ii) I-10 from Tucson to Phoenix; and (iii) United States Route 93 in the vicinity of Phoenix to the Nevada Border." The

14. For information, discussion and approval for MAG to participate with ADOT in a joint study to select a CANAMEX route through this region.

route within the Phoenix metropolitan area has not been defined. MAG and ADOT are planning to initiate a corridor study to select a route for the CANAMEX corridor through Maricopa County. A briefing on the corridor was provided to the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee and to the Management Committee. Both committees recommended participating with ADOT in a joint study for a CANAMEX corridor in this region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Federal Fiscal Year 1999 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On March 24, 1999, the Regional Council approved the Preliminary Closeout of the FY 1999 MAG Federally funded program. At the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) on May 25, 1999, the Scottsdale traffic signal coordination project (\$1.6 million) and three dust control projects in Surprise (\$280,000) were recommended for carry forward to Federal FY 2000. At the June 22, 1999 TRC meeting, the closeout showed approximately \$25 million remaining in unobligated projects, for which funds are available, and approximately \$470,000 in uncommitted Obligation Authority (OA). The TRC recommended that the remaining uncommitted OA should be utilized on the Maricopa County Work Links project, together with any redistributed or additional OA that may become available, up to the \$750,000 federal share of the project cost. Any additional unutilized OA should be targeted to accelerate RPTA transit vehicles from future years. In order to proceed with the Work Links project, a "minor" amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP is necessary. At the July Management Committee meeting, requests were received from Tempe to carry forward their Apache Boulevard pedestrian project (\$707,250) and from Maricopa County to carry forward their Upgrade AzTech Data Server project (\$471,500) to FY 2000. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the TRC and recommended carrying forward the two additional projects presented to the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. For information, discussion and approval to:

- 1) Carry forward the Scottsdale traffic signal coordination project (\$1.6 million, CMAQ); three dust control projects in Surprise (\$285,900, CMAQ); the Tempe Apache Boulevard pedestrian lighting project (\$707,250, CMAQ); and the Maricopa County Upgrade AzTech Data Server project (\$471,500, CMAQ) to Federal FY 2000;
- 2) Add the Job Access and Reverse Commute project (up to \$150,000, Section 3037 funds) and the Maricopa County Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit System Program (up to \$750,000, CMAQ/ STP-MAG and up to \$1,000,000, Section 3037 funds) to FY 1999;
- 3) Authorize an amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the Job Access and Reverse Commute; Maricopa County Work Links; and the Southwest Inter-City Transit System Program in FY 1999 and the use of any unutilized OA (after full FY 1999 funding of the Work Links program) to accelerate the purchase of RPTA transit vehicles from future years.

16. Report on Presentation to the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force on Regional Transportation Funding Needs

On July 8, MAG staff provided a presentation to the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force, Definition of Needs, Resources and Revenue Committee. This presentation provided an overview of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and potential funding needs and included information on projections, planning process, technical planning analyses, overview of adopted plans, a vision of transportation needs beyond the plan and funding needs. As the Governor's Task Force is concerned about funding sources, the presentation focused on funding needs to complete the plan and additional funding needs beyond the plan. A briefing on the results of the presentation was given to the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee and to the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. For information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

17. Update on Governor's Growing Smarter Commission

As a part of last year's adopted Growing Smarter legislation, Governor Hull appointed more than 100 individuals to 8 subcommittees to make recommendations on growth issues. Recommendations are included in four categories: a framework for making planning decisions, implementation tools to manage growth, techniques for integrating open space into our developed environments and tools to encourage development in rural areas. The draft report is being circulated at a series of open houses throughout the State for public comment, and will be forwarded to the Legislature in September. The potential impact of the draft policies in the report was discussed at the July Management Committee. The Management Committee recommended that a stakeholder meeting be held of MAG member agencies to review the Growing Smarter Draft Report and that the Regional Council be requested to make recommendations to the Growing Smarter Commission on the draft policies.

17. For information, discussion and possible action regarding the draft recommendations from the Growing Smarter Draft Report.